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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

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A RESOLUTION honoring Riley Children's Hospital for
75 years of service to Hoosier children and families.

*Whereas, Riley Hospital for Children opened in 1924 and
was built with private funds raised by the James Whitcomb
Riley Memorial Association (RMA), an organization that
continues to raise funds actively and manages all money
contributed by the public to Riley Hospital for Children;*

*Whereas, Riley Hospital for Children, with its 262 beds, is
the only hospital in Indiana devoted exclusively to providing
comprehensive care to children and is one of the ten largest*

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children's hospitals in the nation;

Whereas, More than 135,000 patient visits are made annually, with 7,100 of these visits resulting in admissions;

Whereas, Riley Hospital offers many state-of-the-art facilities designed to offer the best possible treatment to ailing children, including treatment of 80% to 90% of all Hoosier children with cancer, the only stem cell transplant program, and the performance of pediatric heart, kidney, and liver transplants;

Whereas, Riley Hospital's Newborn Intensive Care Unit is an example of leading edge medical techniques such as providing the only Level IV comprehensive care facility for newborns with complex health problems and housing all the pediatric and surgical subspecialists under one roof;

Whereas, Riley Hospital also realizes that the families of critically ill children require special attention;

Whereas, To accommodate these children and their families, Riley has a special atrium where patients and families gather for live performances, playrooms on each patient unit, and an outdoor recreation area where children, including those with special needs, can play;

Whereas, Riley also has a full-time teacher, family librarians, and child life specialists who provide play therapy and diversional activities to help children and families adjust to hospitalization;

Whereas, Riley Hospital is the only hospital in the state to participate in the Children's Miracle Network (CMN) with all money raised through this effort managed by the Riley Memorial Association to fund Riley Hospital programs only; and

Whereas, The staff of Riley Hospital for Children has touched the lives of generations of Hoosier families, helping and comforting them in a time of great need: Therefore,



*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives wishes to
2 thank Riley Hospital for Children for their 75 years helping eliminate
3 the pain and suffering of the children of Indiana.

4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
5 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Kevin O'Keefe,
6 president and CEO of RMA, and Dr. Richard Schreiner, physician in
7 chief, Riley Hospital for Children.

